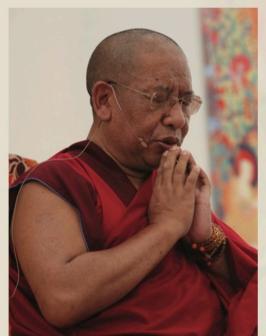
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The Karma Kagyu Lineage

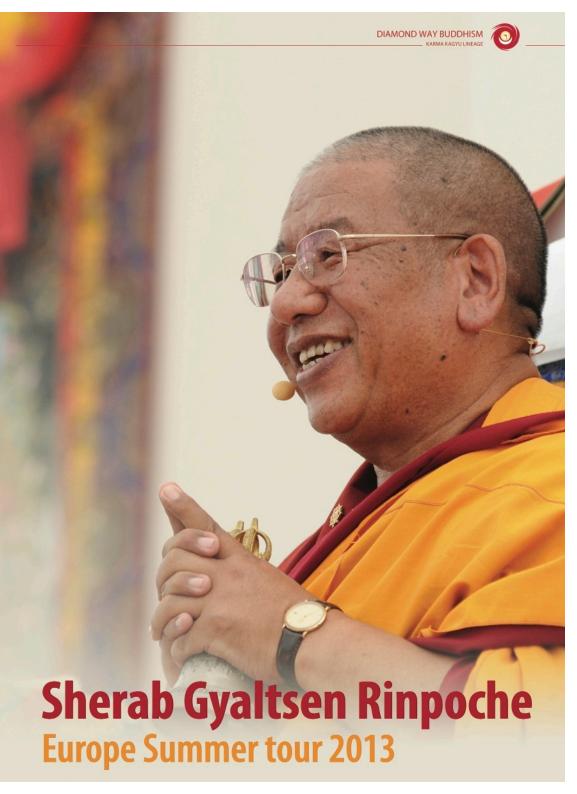
The Kagyu lineage is one of the four main schools of Tibetan Buddhism. This lineage focuses on view meditation, and a direct transmission of the experience of the nature of mind from teacher to student all origins date back to the historical Buddha, whose teachings were passed on to different meditation masters in India for 1500 years. In approximately the year 1000 C.E., this transmission came to Tibet, and in the twelfth century the Karma Kagyu lineage was formed, which has been kept alive and powerful in an unending succession by the Gyalwa Karmapas until today. The Gyalwa Karmapa, whose name means "Master of Activity", was the first consciously reborn lama of Tibet.



Sherab Gyaltsen Rinpoche

Sherab Gyaltsen Rinpoche, a highly respected lama of the Kagyu lineage, is a Maniwa—a title that is rarely encountered: it means that you have been able to encourage others to recite the Mani mantra more than one billion (1,000,000,000) times (Mani Dhungyur). Rinpoche was ordained in Rumtek by the 16th Karmapa. An exceptionally gifted student, he mastered all aspects of traditional Buddhist study, from the sutras and tantras, to rituals and music, to the sciences, art and composition. Born in 1950 in Nepal, Sherab Gyaltsen Rinpoche has fulfilled various projects, including the reconstruction of the old Manang monastery, Karma Dubgyu Chöling in Pokhara; taking on the responsibilities of Manang monastery at Swayambhu; publishing essential meditation texts, and constructing many stupas.

The program is subject to change, so please double check on the local websites (also for the starting time of the events) before making plans and booking flights!





Karma Kagyu Refuge Tree

The Karma Kagyu refuge tree, a new version of which has just been released, represents the different aspects of enlightenment, emphasising especially our Mahamudra lineage. In the centre of the tree, on a lion throne, sits the root lama as Dorje Chang. Around him are the lineage lamas, the buddha aspects (yidams) on which we meditate, the Buddhas, the teachings (dharma), the noble practitioners (sangha), and the wisdom protectors. Sherab Gyaltsen Rinpoche will give teachings on the refuge tree throughout his tour this summer.



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